

REMARKS

The response that was filed on June 23, 2003 was completely responsive to the outstanding Office Action that was mailed on December 23, 2002. This Voluntary Amendment merely amends currently pending Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20, 21, 29, 31, and 32.

Hereinafter, the claims that are pending prior to the entry of the amendments in this Voluntary Amendment are called "currently pending claims." This Voluntary Amendment amends currently pending Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20, 21, 29, 31, and 32. Upon amendment, the above-identified U.S. patent application will have two independent claims (currently amended Claims 1 and 21) and 35 total claims (currently amended Claims 1-7; withdrawn Claim 8; currently amended Claims 10-18; withdrawn Claim 20; currently amended Claim 21; previously presented Claims 23-25, 27, and 28; currently amended Claim 29; previously presented Claim 30; currently amended Claims 31 and 32; previously presented Claims 33-37; and withdrawn Claims 38 and 39). The Applicants previously paid for up to three independent claims and 35 total claims. Therefore, no fee is due for excess claims.

Support for amending currently pending Claims 1 and 21 can be found in, *inter alia*, originally filed Claim 1. Currently pending Claims 2-8 and 10-20 are being amended to be consistent with currently amended Claim 1.

Support for specifying in currently amended Claim 29 that the inorganic support is not functionalized prior to being reacted with the alumoxane and prior to supporting the metallocene compound can be found in Examples 8 and 11-16 on pages 50-53 of the specification because these examples indicate that the inorganic support was not functionalized prior to being reacted

with the alumoxane and prior to supporting the metallocene compound.

Support for currently amended Claims 31 and 32 can be found in, inter alia, originally filed Claim 1.

Currently amended Claims 1-7 and 10-18, currently amended Claim 21, previously presented Claims 23-25, 27, and 28, currently amended Claim 29, previously presented Claim 30, currently amended Claims 31 and 32, and previously presented Claims 33-37 are readable upon the elected invention. If elected currently amended Claims 1 and 21 are allowable, then the Examiner should consider nonelected withdrawn Subclaims 8, 20, 37, and 38 on the merits because these subclaims are each dependent on an elected allowable base claim (currently amended Claim 1 or 21).

On November 22, 2002, we filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), which included a four-page Form PTO-1449 (modified) and which included a certificate of mailing dated November 22, 2002. Because the Examiner has not yet acknowledged considering the November 22, 2002 IDS on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the November 22, 2002 IDS on the merits and to send us a signed copy of the four-page Form PTO-1449 (modified) to indicate on the record that he has considered on the merits all of the documents that are listed in the four-page Form PTO-1449 (modified).

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested. It is submitted that the claims of record are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

This Voluntary Amendment amends currently pending Claims 1-8, 10-18, 20, 21, 29, 31, and 32. The amendments that are described in

the preceding sentence were done to improve the language of the claims and were not done to overcome the prior art, to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, or to overcome any other rejections or objections. The amendments that are described in the first sentence of this paragraph shall not be considered necessary to overcome the prior art, shall not be considered necessary to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and shall not be considered necessary to overcome any other rejections or objections.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any unclaimed subject matter either subsequently in the prosecution of the present case or in a divisional or continuation application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0415. In particular, if this Voluntary Amendment is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this Voluntary Amendment as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this Voluntary Amendment timely filed; and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account No. 12-0415.

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